

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

As proposed in the amendments above, Claims 1-5 are cancelled, and Claims 6 and 7 are new.

Support for the Amendments

Support for new Claim 6 is found on page 20 of the specification.

Support for new Claim 7 is found in the claims as originally filed, together with pages 18 (describing the acid catalyzed polymerization of an epihalohydrin monomer and increasing the molecular weight of the polymer) and 19 (describing functionalizing using ethylenediamine or diethylenetriamine), of the specification.

No new matter is presented with these amendments.

Remarks

Applicants have cancelled the claims that were pending and have instead proposed new Claims 6 and 7 which Applicants believe to be patentable over the prior art that has been previously cited.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below in case the Examiner believes there are any remaining issues that can be resolved over the phone.

Conclusion

Applicants believe the present application stands in condition for allowance. Early notification thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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